IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Declaration and Power of Attorney

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Communications** with **Minimized Propagation Delay** the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the aboveidentified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me, which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

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application number 60/ 288,977 filed 5/4/01 naming the same inventors as named below

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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